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# BOBBINK & ATKINS

## New Hybrid Giant-Flowering Marshmallow



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**Y**OU have probably heard of this new production of ours, but we want you to know and enjoy its beauty. We and those who have already secured it, have now had time to test it thoroughly in every way, and are convinced it has come to stay.

One of its great recommendations is that absolutely no attention is needed after the root is once planted. The root is of a semi-bulbous nature, and becomes larger each successive year, thus improving the flowers also. It starts into growth after all danger of late frost and quickly reaches a height of 6 to 9 feet, having large, thick stems capable of holding up the enormous flowers without any support. The leaves are, in accordance with this rapid growth, very large and decorative, giving quite a tropical effect in their luxuriance and, what is important, they clothe the stems right to the ground, if given light.

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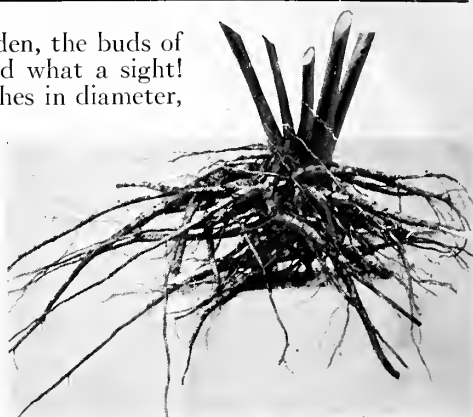
Toward the end of July, when there is a dearth of bloom in the garden, the buds of our wonderful hybrid Giant-flowering Marshmallow begin to open, and what a sight! When fully expanded, the flowers measure on an average of 9 to 10 inches in diameter, and we have measured some 12½ inches across. This blaze of color is only one flower, and you can imagine the result of a group of plants which throw up about five or six substantial stems, and each stem bearing continually until late autumn, a succession of sometimes as many as forty flowers.

Although so large, these flowers are by no means coarse in any way. The colors range from pure white to an intense crimson, and each individual color is kept separate so that you can carry out any intended color scheme. There are solid colors and those having a different "eye," such as white or pink with a red center, and the shading is very soft, so that any clash in color with other flowers is almost impossible.

In planting, very little care is necessary. The roots should simply be planted with the crown about 3 inches under the surface with the stump of the old stem pointing up and covered firmly. Although they grow in almost any position, the greatest magnificence is attained when a moist location is selected. As before stated, they are late in starting, and so escape the spring frosts. After each flower is spent, a large, green seed-pod persists, which may or may not be picked off, but there is a certain amount of decoration when they are left on; they do not injure the plant in any way.

When the stems die down, as they do every winter, they may be cut off close to the ground and the roots left undisturbed, to shoot up with renewed vigor the following spring. Being absolutely hardy, they need no protection, but in poor soil a mulch of manure is very beneficial, and its value will be seen in the improved plant and flower the following summer.

In closing, we wish to point out that



Four-year-old root of Giant-Flowering Marshmallow

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